FISCAL NOTE

SB 2120

January 28, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL: Provides that any person or entity sending unsolicited advertising by facsimile transmission or e-mail shall be subject to a civil penalty of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each violation. Twenty-five dollars (\$25) of each civil penalty collected shall be deposited into the General Fund and twenty-five dollars (\$25) shall be retained by the Division of Consumer Affairs for the employment of additional investigative personnel.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenues - Less Than \$100,000 Increase State Expenditures - Less Than \$100,000

The amount of revenues from the collection of civil penalties cannot be determined but is estimated to be less than \$100,000. This estimate assumes activity will decline due to the threat of penalties that can be assessed as a result of the bill.

Expenditure estimate assumes additional expenditures in the department of commerce and insurance to conduct investigations. The bill earmarks \$25 of each penalty collected for use by the department

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James a. Downport

James A. Davenport, Executive Director